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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 August 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 26-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 26-29 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 26-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Park [US 6,490,455] in view of Feitsch [DE 197 44 263].

Regarding claim 26, Park discloses a method of generating a pseudo base station signal for transmission to a mobile phone in a detection area (thus intervening between a wireless communication device and a base station) comprising:

- an antenna, and a receiver responsive to transmissions received by the antenna; see fig. 3, col. 5, lines 37-41
- a transmitter having an adjustable power level; see summary of invention, col. 7, lines 27-33
- control unit (detecting unit); see summary of invention and Fig. 3

a control module responsive to the receiver and connected to the transmitter, the control module configured to:

- measure the absolute field strength of a received transmission detected by the receiver from surrounding base stations and record the information transmitted by the surrounding base stations,; see fig. 3, col. 7, lines 27-29

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- set the transmission power level of the transmitter to have an absolute field strength greater than the highest measured absolute field strength detected from a corresponding base station; see summary of invention, col. 7, lines 27-33
- detect and record an interface signal received by the receiver from a wireless communication device in a predefined area proximate the receiver;(here the MSC keeps records of all mobile registrations to facilitate call delivery and other related information to the particular mobile stations). See col. 4, lines 25-33 and lines 56-61.

However he does not disclose a method in which the step of transmitting includes instructing the wireless communication device to lower its transmission power so that transmissions from the wireless communication device do not reach any corresponding surrounding base.

Heinonen, in the same field of endeavor, teaches a method for eliminating disturbance caused by a mobile station within a certain area. Heinonen further teaches a method in which the step of transmitting includes instructing the wireless communication device to lower its transmission power so that transmissions from the wireless communication device do not reach any corresponding surrounding base. See summary of invention, col. 4, lines 31-41.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one with ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the above teaching of Heinonen to modified Park in order to eliminate disturbance caused by a mobile station within a certain area.

However Park as modified by Heinonen does not disclose a method of receiving an interface signal from a wireless communication device which instructs the cell phone to remove itself

from normal communication with the base stations, the control module controlling the cell phone to prevent use of the cell phone with the surrounding base stations.

Feitsch, in the same field of endeavor, teaches a method wherein a mobile device in a restricted area will receive a signal transmitted from a turn off unit which instructs the cell phone to remove itself from normal communication with the base stations, the control module controlling the cell phone to prevent use of the cell phone with the surrounding base stations. See English translation, page 9 paragraph 1; page 10, last paragraph and Fig. 1-4

Therefore it would have been to one with ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the above teachings of Feitsch to modified Park in order to provide an economically attractive and functionally reliable solution of operating mobile devices in restricted areas.

Regarding claim 27, Park discloses a method further including the step of keeping a record of all interface signals and requests for service transmissions received from a wireless communication device (here the MSC keeps records of all mobile registrations to facilitate call delivery and other related information to the particular mobile stations). See col. 4, lines 25-33 and lines 56-61.

Regarding claim 28, modified Park specifically does not disclose a method including the step of polling the record to track movement of a wireless communication device.

However it is well known in the art that MSC polls all mobile registrations in order that it can locate a mobile and route the call appropriately.

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Therefore it would have been obvious to one with ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made for the MSC to poll and keep track of the mobiles in order to locate a mobile in an restricted or unwanted area and eliminate disturbance caused by said mobile station within the said certain area

Regarding claim 29, Park further discloses a method including the step of providing an alarm when a wireless communication device transmits a request for service transmission (here location registration implies request for service transmission). See summary of invention and col. 9, lines 33-45.

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Hitoshi [JP 2000 287259] Mobile phone system, method for controlling power supply of mobile phone and power supply controller

Hideji [JP 2000 083278] Disabling device for mobile radio terminal and disabling method

Kenichi [JP 11-069412] Portable telephone system

Mutsumi [JP 10-174165] Mobile radio communication equipment system

Hidenori [JP 11-331948] Communication system, portable radio equipment and communication function limiter


Tosiba [JP 2000 287274] Wireless communication system


LaGrotta [US 6,477,361] Remote power down control of wireless terminal

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sujatha Sharma whose telephone number is 571-272-7886. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 7.30am - 4.00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew D. Anderson can be reached on 571-272-4177. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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